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In re Application of

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 16, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Office action under  $\frac{\text{Ex parte Quayle}}{21}$ , 1935 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 11 (1935), mailed June  $\frac{1}{21}$ , 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 22, 2004.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) a reply to the Office action of June 21, 2004, (2) the petition fee of \$750, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the

entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2634 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received February 16, 2006.

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